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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 4, 2003, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 4, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

A fee of \$258.00 for three additional independent claims in excess of three is believed to be required. The undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge this fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby

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